

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE**RS20292**

The purpose of this bill is to set forth standards for persons who desire to run for county sheriff. As a matter of state law, the county sheriff and the prosecuting attorney are the chief law enforcement officers in each county, with primary authority to enforce the criminal laws. Yet, the only law enforcement officers in the state that need not be POST certified are county sheriffs. This bill will clarify that a person must hold a current basic POST certificate or the equivalent from another state, or be a retired peace officer with experience, or, if not currently certified and not retired, have ten years experience with an intermediate POST certificate before running for office of sheriff. The bill also exempts sheriffs who hold current office from the requirements, thereby 'grandfathering' those sheriffs.

FISCAL NOTE

This bill has no impact on the general fund of the state.

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